



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Li et al.

Appl. No. 09/515,513

Filed: February 29, 2000

For: cDNA Synthesis Improvements

Confirmation No. 1139

Art Unit: 1655

Examiner: Taylor, J.

Atty. Docket: 0942.4870001/RWE/M-G

#17
E.O.T.
(3)
CD
4/4/02

Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) RECEIVED

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

MAR 22 2002

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for replying to the outstanding Office Action be extended three (3) months from December 19, 2001 to March 19, 2002 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$920.00 for a three (3) month extension for a large entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying Check No. 34525. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

Robert W. Esmond
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 32,893

03/21/2002 NMOHAMM1 00000160 09515513

01 FC:117

920.00 0P

Date: March 19, 2002

1100 New York Avenue, N.W.
Suite 600
Washington, D.C. 20005-3934
(202) 371-2600